

**REMARKS**

Entry of the foregoing amendments correcting improper claim dependencies prior to the initial examination of the above-captioned application is requested. Additionally, Claims 22 and 24 have been amended to remove unduly restrictive terms.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this response, please charge those fees to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this Application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

Respectfully submitted,

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